



Scene in "The Isle of Smiles," Paris Grand, To-night, December 8.

HOW HE DIED.



Visitor (in the mining camp)—Did Buzzsaw Bill die intestate?
Alkali Ike—No; he was shot in Indian territory, pardner.

Cause and Worry.
Defendant's Wife—Don't worry, dear. The judge's charge was certainly in your favor. Defendant (moodily)—I know that. It's the lawyer's charge that I'm thinking about.

Man's Independence.
No iron chain nor outward force of any kind could ever compel the soul of man to believe or to disbelieve; it is his own indefeasible right, that judgment of his; he will reign and believe thereby the grace of God alone!—Thomas Carlyle.

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HURRY-UP POET.



The Novelist—I understand that a celebrated English poet gets \$50 a line for his verse.

The Struggling Poet—If that was me, I'd write a thousand lines and quit.

Paper Drinking Cups.

In the schools of Austria the children are taught to carry several sheets of writing paper in their pockets at all times. Then, when a child is thirsty, he can roll one of the sheets into a cone and make a perfectly serviceable cup which may be placed, after being used, in the nearest waste paper box. How to roll the cones deftly is taught the children. The tearing of a notch about half an inch long near one end before rolling the cone serves to make the improved cup stronger.

Medical Dinner.

Sallie, a dainty cook down in Virginia, has been taught by her mistress to cook chickens in casserole—an accomplishment in which she takes great pride. It is always done on occasions of state, and Sallie hunts up company to show her prowess. Sunday morning recently she came in gleefully with the remark: "Yonder come Mr. Clifford up de road to see Miss Judith. Hadn't I better cook the chicken in castor oil?"

Falling of the Race.

The advice of the old lawyer to his son was that no matter what his relations with womankind he should never write a love letter and never destroy one. It is probable that this counsel of perfect wisdom fell on deaf ears, for when any particular man is consumed by a fever for any particular woman he at once commences writing love letters.

A Bequest.

"I give to good fathers and mothers in trust for their children, all good little words of praise, and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and I charge said parents to use them justly and generously, as the needs of their children may require."—From the last will and testament of Charles Lounsberry, in which he distributes his "interest in the world" to succeeding men.

A Mere Sham.

"This," explained the cigar salesman, "will make an excellent pipe for your husband. It's a meerschaum."

"How dare you, sir," the lady demanded indignantly, "attempt to sell me a fraudulent article! I want the genuine or nothing!"—Judge's Library

The Degree Wanted.

Doctor—Of course, the worst may happen and your uncle die. But let us hope for the best.

Expectant Heir—You may, doctor, but I prefer to hope for the worst.

London Puts Faith in Cats.

London still depends upon its army of cats to handle the rats among the ships that come up the Thames. The port of London authority has made known its estimate for cats' milk for the year. The appropriation is for \$4,000.

ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

William T. Lewis, the well-known automobilist, was talking lately about the 25,000-mile automobile trip he had just made in Europe.

"One sees Europe in an automobile," he said. "One really sees it. Some tourists don't, you know."

"Once, in Florence, I was standing on the bridge over the Arno, drinking in the beauty of the old Italian city, when a half-dozen American tourists drew near at a quick walk."

"They hurried by me, every now and then consulting their watches, and, as they passed, I overheard this conversation:

"Well, Florence is all right, sure!"

"Florence?"

"Why, yes! This is Florence, ain't it?"

"Of course not. This is Venice."

"Oh, go on! It's Monday, any how, and Monday's Florence; Wednesday's Venice."

A Touch of Pity.

A tender-hearted youth was once present at an Oxford supper, where the fathers of those assembled were being roundly abused for their parsimony in supplying the demands of their sons. At last after having long kept silence, he lifted up his voice in mild protest.

"After all, gentlemen," he said, "let us remember that they are our fellow-creatures."—Argonaut.

His Idea of Conservation.

"But, Senator Grabbenhelm, don't you think that the country ought to reserve some of its trees and not let the lumber trust cut the last one?"

"Sure, there should be a small forest reserve. I suggest that the petrified forest of Arizona is the one to save for posterity."

Glass Sidewalk.

For some time the city of Lyons, France, has been using glass for sidewalks instead of brick or stone. It is laid in blocks eight inches square, each block containing sixteen squares, resembling a checkerboard. It has proved more lasting than stone, and much cheaper.—Denver Municipal Facts.

Lesson of Grief.

There are moods in which we court suffering, in the hope that there, at least, we shall find reality, strange peaks and edges of truth. But it turns out to be scene-painting and counterfeit. The only thing grief has taught me is to know how shallow it is.—Emerson.

His Real Meaning.

When a bad-tempered man grows emphatic in his remarks and says he does not care a "course" he means, or should mean, to be correct, that he does not care a cross, the lingual metathesis here being similar to that which makes "gooseberries" out of gorseberries.

What She Supposed.

Shortly after Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, R. A., was knighted, he and Lady Alma-Tadema gave an "at home" at St. John's Wood. Everybody present was congratulating them, and one lady was very profuse. "Oh, dear Sir Lawrence," she said, "I am awfully glad to hear of the honor you have received. I suppose now that you are knighted you will give up painting and live like a gentleman."

Hat Masculine and Feminine.

Let us thank heaven that the hat masculine is no worse than it is and of the hat feminine paraphrase the words of Hamlet when he held in his hand the grinning skull of Yorick: "Now get thee to my lady's chamber and tell her that no matter what her hat to this complexion she must come at last."

Mind and Appearance.

Actresses are usually warm-hearted, sensible and cheerful. That is because they make the best of themselves in face and form. An old saying is true, "The face is often a reflex of the mind," and in a measure it is no less true that the mind is a reflex of the face.

Long-Headed Husband.

"This is good wine. I must take home a few bottles to my wife." "She never touches wine, as you know." "True; but it will be a little present for her, and I can keep it from going to waste."—Washington Herald.

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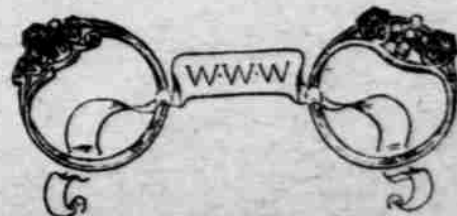
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An Old Team.

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Care of Shoes.

Evening shoes should be wrapped in tissue paper, and white shoes will turn yellow unless incased in blue paper. On most light shoe leather a spot or stain can be washed off, but where this is impossible or the shoe is too badly soiled it is better to dye it a darker color or black. Various shoe dyes can be purchased and with a renewal of color now and then you have practically provided for yourself a new pair of shoes.

Old Cornwall Ceremony.

Dancing is a part of a semi-religious ceremony held at St. Ives, Cornwall, on the day of the feast of St. James. The people dance the old Cornish "Flurry" dance and "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and then sing the "Old Hundredth." After that they have a banquet and small sums of money are distributed. The custom dates from a century ago, when a fund was established for the purpose by a man named Knill. It is known as the Knill ceremony.